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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Frank Wayne Calhoun, a former state 2 representative, esteemed attorney, and friend to many, passed away 3 on April 24, 2021, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, The son of Ruby and Wilmer Calhoun, Frank Calhoun

5 was born in Houston on April 15, 1933, and grew up in Moody with an

6 older brother, Cecil; after serving his country in the U.S. Navy

7 during the Korean War, he earned his bachelor's degree in history

8 from Texas Tech University and his law degree from The University of

9 Texas; he began his career as an attorney in Abilene and became a

10 named partner in Byrd, Shaw, Weeks and Calhoun; and

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11 WHEREAS, In 1966, Mr. Calhoun won the first of four terms in 12 the Texas House of Representatives; he served on numerous

committees, and he was chair of Criminal Jurisprudence and vice

14 chair of Urban Affairs, Psychiatric Problems of Youth, and

15 Cooperation Among Ad Valorem Taxation Authorities; in addition, he

16 was a delegate to the state Constitutional Convention of 1974; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calhoun went on to practice public law with a prominent Houston firm, Liddell, Sapp, Zivley, Hill & LaBoon, and

19 his work with clients on legislative and administrative matters

20 eventually prompted him to settle in the state capital; following

21 his retirement, he continued to represent a few longtime clients

22 while pursuing his many interests, including reading, genealogy,

23 tennis, hunting, fishing, and visiting Big Bend National Park; he

24 was elected a member of the Philosophical Society of Texas, and he

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- 1 worked to preserve the state's heritage as chair of the San Jacinto
- 2 Historical Advisory Board, the board of the Institute of Texan
- 3 Cultures, and the Advisory Council of the Harry Ransom Humanities
- 4 Research Center at UT; in addition, he was a trustee of the San
- 5 Jacinto Museum of History and a member of the executive committee
- 6 for the Texas Film Commission; the generous Frank W. Calhoun
- 7 Exhibitions Endowment, supported by a challenge grant from the
- 8 National Endowment for the Humanities, has enhanced programs at the
- 9 Ransom Center; and
- 10 WHEREAS, While the death of Frank Calhoun brings great
- 11 sadness to all who knew him, he leaves behind a legacy that his
- 12 loved ones can forever remember with pride; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Frank Wayne Calhoun
- 15 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
- 16 sons, Michael Calhoun and his wife, Renee, and David Calhoun and his
- 17 wife, Kathy; to his daughter, Lee Ann Coulter, and her husband,
- 18 Keith; to his granddaughters, Audrey, Keaton, Sarah, and Kiley
- 19 Calhoun and Suzanne, Katherine, and Maggie Coulter; and to his
- 20 other relatives and friends; and, be it further
- 21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the
- 24 Honorable Frank Calhoun.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 908 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 8, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House